



# Closing the Circle | **BRUSSELS** 11-12 June

Expert voices and reflections for the New Pact  
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**EuroMeSCo Consultation Circles: *Expert voices and reflections for the new Pact for the Mediterranean***

**Closing the circle**

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**11-12 June 2025**

European Commission, Berlaymont building

Closed-door meeting

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## Brief

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As one of the **largest Euro-Mediterranean policy research networks**, **EuroMeSCo** brings together over 100 think tanks and research institutes from more than 30 countries across Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. This unique and diverse network serves as a trusted platform for dialogue, knowledge-sharing, and policy impact.

In the context of the New Pact for the Mediterranean preparations, **EuroMeSCo's Consultation Circles** aim to provide an **exclusive space** where experts, thought leaders and policymakers **collaborate, reflect, and offer strategic recommendations**. These high-level structured dialogues leverage the depth of regional expertise within the network to ensure that the voices of key stakeholders inform and shape the future of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

This initiative is organized by the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed), in its capacity as EuroMeSCo Secretariat, as part of a **project co-funded by the European Union to support the development of the New Pact for the Mediterranean**. This EU-backed effort seeks to strengthen engagement around this renewed strategy with the Southern Neighbourhood notably.

The final **EuroMeSCo Consultation Circles: Closing the circle** will take place on 11-12 June in Brussels, Belgium.

Taking advantage of the presence of Senior Officials from EU Member States and Southern partners in Brussels, this event will serve to **present the outcomes of the regional consultations** held online (Euromed Survey 15) and across Southern countries, namely in Rabat (13-14 May 2025) and Cairo (27-28 May 2025), and to **facilitate a forward-looking discussion on cross-cutting themes of the New Pact for the Mediterranean**. These include shared priorities, regional dynamics, and opportunities for more effective cooperation across the Euro-Mediterranean area.

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## Agenda

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DAY 1 – Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**12:00–13:30 WORKING LUNCH – by invitation only**

*Brief*

**Shaping the EU’s Narrative: Strategic Communication in the Mediterranean**

This closed-door session invites select participants to reflect on how the European Union is perceived in the Mediterranean region and how strategic communication can reinforce its influence. Discussions will assess the effectiveness of its messaging, and ways to build a more compelling and impactful narrative, ensuring that the new Pact for the Mediterranean resonates with key stakeholders and communities. Insights from EuroMed Survey 15 will guide the exchange.

**14:00–14:30 OPENING SESSION**

**14:30-16:30 CIVIL SOCIETY FACILITY FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN: PERSPECTIVES ON THE PACT**

*Co-organised with the Civil Society Facility*

**16:30-17:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**17:00-18:30 REGIONAL COOPERATION ON SECURITY: WORKING TOWARDS INCREASED STABILITY**

*Brief*

This session will focus on practical frameworks for strengthening security collaboration within the new Pact for the Mediterranean, including security sector reform, counter-trafficking, and law enforcement coordination.

**18:30-20:00 NETWORKING COCKTAIL**

## DAY 2 – Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### **09:00–09:45 DATA INSIGHTS: EUROMED SURVEY 15 - REGIONAL CONSULTATION ON THE NEW PACT FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN**

*Brief* Presentation of the results from the 15th edition of the EuroMed Survey, offering evidence-based insights on perceptions, priorities, and policy expectations from stakeholders across the Mediterranean. The data will inform the ongoing development of the new Pact for the Mediterranean

### **09:45-11:15 KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM THE EUROMESCO CONSULTATION CIRCLES**

*Brief* Representatives from EuroMeSCo member institutions and consultation partners will present the main outcomes and strategic insights gathered during the different consultation circles. The session will highlight recurring themes, country-specific perspectives, and forward-looking proposals, helping to identify areas of convergence and divergence among stakeholders. These takeaways will serve as critical input for the formulation of policy recommendations and the shaping of a coherent and inclusive New Pact for the Mediterranean.

### **11:15-11:30 COFFEE BREAK**

### **11:30-12:15 THE REGIONAL DIMENSION OF THE NEW PACT FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN: TOWARDS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BARCELONA PROCESS**

*Brief* This session will examine how the New Pact can build on and renew the principles of the Barcelona Process, strengthening regional cooperation and addressing shared challenges ahead of its 30th anniversary. It will particularly explore how to ensure coherence between the regional and bilateral dimensions of the pact and its synergies with other frameworks and instruments such as the UfM, GCC, LAS, AU and the EU enlargement policy, among others

### **12:15-12:30 CLOSING SESSION**

### **12:30-14:00 LUNCH**